

A FEW  
*SHORT & PLAIN*  
**DIRECTIONS**  
FOR THE  
PROPER BEHAVIOUR  
OF  
**CHILDREN**  
ON  
DIFFERENT OCCASIONS,



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## DIRECTIONS, &c.

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### CHAP. I.

*Of knowing your Condition.*

**T**HE first Rule of Wisdom is to know yourself, and in order to this you are to consider your station and rank.

2. You owe every thing to your Parents. For this reason you must reverence them, and according to *their* condition understand *your own*.

3. You are placed above those poor children, who run wild about the streets, by being put to school; therefore you are to love school and respect your Teachers.

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4. Be not proud, because you have the happiness to be put to school, but be thankful for so great a blessing, and make a right use of it.

5. Be sure to learn first of all to use good manners to every person: Nothing is so much esteem'd and lov'd as a well-bred and well-behav'd child.

6. Obey your parents, for they are the authors of your being; and took good care of you, when you could do nothing for yourself.

7. Be submissive to your Masters and Teachers, because your Parents put you under their care; treat them always with respect, and never slight any thing they say.

## CHAP. II.

*Of Behaviour to Superiors.*

**A**LWAYS regard without frowning, what your superiors say to you, and be ready with a modest reply.

2. Never slight what they advise you, but shew by your actions, that you mind and observe it.

3. Let your eyes and your looks agree with your words, and shew your respect is real and sincere.

4. Be always compliant and obliging : for obstinacy is the fault of children that are badly brought up, and arises from not enjoying those advantages of education, that you happily do.

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5. Shun

5. Shun all sorts of pride, for they are not only marks of wickedness and folly, but will surely bring upon you a great deal of ill-will.

### CHAP. III.

#### *Of Behaviour to Equals.*

**L**OVE all your Equals, and they will love you. Be good humour'd to them, and they will be kind to you.

2. Always treat them with respect, and then they will treat you in the same manner.

3. If any of them is cross, nevertheless be you civil. His ill-temper will disgrace him, while your good-nature will gain you love and esteem.

4. Be gentle in all your words, and every one will be de-

desirousto keep your company.

5. Be always ready to do any good-natur'd office in your power, and every one will be ready to oblige you.

6. By this behaviour you will obtain the esteem of your parents, and be the favourite of your teachers, and they will bid others to take example by you.

#### CH A P. IV.

##### *Of Behaviour to Inferiors,*

**T**HE goodness of your parents places you above these; therefore be not proud of it, for it is not your own doing.

2. Never scorn children that are beneath you, but be civil and courteous to all.

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3. Affable

3. Affable behaviour makes them respect you, and that is what you should aim at.

4. Insolent and haughty words make them deride and dislike you ; and then others will do the same.

5. A scornful tongue always makes a person hated : You would wish to be loved ; therefore follow these rules in all your words and actions.

#### CHAP. V.

##### *Of Behaviour at School.*

**R**ISE in the morning early and dress yourself ; then kneel down and give thanks to God for preserving you safe thro' the night past ; and pray to him to save and protect you from sin and harm thro' that day.

2. Be-



2. Before you set out to school, wash your hands and face clean, comb your hair, and make yourself as decent as the state and condition of your parents will allow.

3. Behave to your teachers respectfully, and to your school-fellows friendly and with good-nature.

4. Do not giddily run into school, but enter it decently and slowly ; make your bow or courtesy, and go straight to your seat.

5. Never talk in school, and attend to nothing but your book, but do not neglect that.

6. Never quarrel in school, for it shews idleness and a bad temper.

7. When the Master speaks

to you, rise up to hear him, and whilst he speaks, look him in the face with modesty and attention.

8. Do not give an answer, till he has done speaking, and then return him a respectful and prudent one.

9. If any of your school-fellows be troublesome, first speak to him mildly and desire him to desist :

10. If he will not, address yourself to the master in a becoming manner, and in a few words tell him the cause of your complaint.

11. When a stranger comes into school, do not stare at him. If he speak to your Master or Teacher, do not listen to what is said :—That is the height of ill-

ill-manners, and takes off your attention from your book.

12. When the school-hours are over, go out as you came in, quietly and decently. Do not croud and hasten to get out of school as out of a prison.

13. Go straight home and do not loiter by the way.

14. When at home, if you have time, look over the lessons you learn'd at school, and think what improvement you have made.

15. When you go to your bed at night, before you undress yourself, kneel down and ask God pardon for what you have done amiss that day ; and pray to him to preserve you thro' the night from all things hurtful.

16. Keep up the practice of morning and evening prayer\* as long as you live, so God will bless you in this world, and in that which is to come.

# CHAP. VI.

## *Of Behaviour at Church.*

**A**S you are to behave well at school, so more particularly at Church: You must be very grave and serious; for it is before the ALMIGHTY you there stand.

2. Observe Decency in coming into Church; do not run but walk discreetly.

3. When you enter the door, impress your mind with awe and reverence; look up devoutly towards heaven, remembering where you are.

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\* See Page 17.

4. When entered into church, walk slowly to your seat ; then kneel down and use this or a like short petition :

*Lord, I know not what to pray for as I ought, let thy Spirit help mine infirmities, and enable me to offer up a spiritual sacrifice acceptable to thee, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Or this :

*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be now and ever acceptable in thy sight, O Lord ! my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.*

5. Then sit quietly in your place, and in strict silence wait the beginning of the service.

6. Ob-

6. Observe the *Rubric*, that is, the *Directions* given in your *Common-Prayer-Book*, or take Notice when others *kneel down, rise up, sit or stand*, and do the same.

7. Do not join with your voice at all, but where the rules in your *Prayer-Book* direct you to do it.—Some *grown* persons very absurdly in a high whisper accompany the Minister through the whole service, to the great disturbance of all that are near them.

8. Through all the prayers be very attentive and silent, and make them your own by a hearty and *loud* AMEN\* at the end of each.

9. During

\* N. B. So great was the zeal and fervour of Christians in their public worship

9. During the reading of the lessons and the preaching of the sermon, talk to no one, but keep your eyes modestly fix'd on the Minister; listen with great attention, and treasure up the good advice you hear in both.

10. When divine Service is over, before you rise from your knees repeat in a low voice the following short prayer, or some other to the same purpose.

*Lord! grant that we may be  
doers of thy word and not hearers  
only*

in the early days of Christianity, that an ancient Writer speaks of it in this expressive language, “ *Their Responses were like the sound of many waters, and their AMEN like a clap of thunder.*”

Do we discover any thing like this in our public devotion at this day?

*only, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
Amen.

11. Wait a little at your seat till the croud is over, then walk out quietly, and return home in the same decent manner you went to Church.

12. When you are in health and of ability to attend the public worship of God on Sundays, see that you never neglect it so long as you live.

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Thus may you hope for the blessing of God; and will be sure to gain the love of your Parents and Friends, and the good word of all that know you.

PRAYERS.



# PRAYERS

FOR

MORNING and EVENING.

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## MORNING PRAYER.

*When you rise out of Bed in the Morning  
say,*

I laid me down and slept, and  
rose up again, for the Lord  
sustained me. *Psal. iii. 5.*

*When you have put on your Cloaths,  
say the following Prayer.*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who  
madest and governest all  
things in heaven and earth,  
and whose mercy is over all  
thy works; I give Thee hum-  
ble thanks that thou hast  
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delivered me from the perils and dangers of the past night, and brought me safely to the beginning of this day. Protect me in it, I beseech Thee, by thy good providence, and give me grace to be diligent in my business, and dutiful and obedient to my parents and governors. Preserve me from sickness and danger, and all evil accidents, but especially from sin and vice, and from the snares and temptations of profane company and evil examples. Keep up in me an awful reverence of Thee and thy Name, that I may at all times behave myself in the holy offices of religion with seriousness and attention, and  
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carefully abstain from vanity and profaneness of all kinds; particularly preserve me from that dreadful, tho' too general sin of taking thy name in vain. Imprint upon my mind such a sense and fear of thy all-seeing eye, as may keep me from falsehood and lying, and every evil way; remembering that Thou beholdest the most secret thoughts and actions of my heart and life. That walking always in thy fear, and being protected by thy good providence both in body and soul, I may evermore serve and please Thee; and as I grow in age, may also grow in grace and goodness. Grant this, O merciful Father, for  
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the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, my only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

*Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with me now and evermore. *Amen.*

#### EVENING PRAYER.

**A**lmighty God, in whom  
I live, and move, and  
have

have my being, and to whose gracious Providence over me, I owe all the blessings and benefits which I enjoy ; I give Thee humble Thanks for the preservation of me, and for all thy other mercies towards me, from the beginning of my life to this day ; beseeching Thee to pardon all the sins and failings by which I have at any time offended Thee, and to give me grace to avoid them for the time to come. I thank Thee more especially for the blessing, which thou hast vouchsafed me, of a pious and virtuous education ; and I pray Thee to make me sensible of the great benefit of it, and careful to improve it, in a sober, serious, and regular life ; that so I may lay a sure

foundation for mine own happiness, and be a faithful ser-

vant to Thee,  
and a comfort\*

\* To my dear Father or Mother if *one* be dead; *or*, to my Relations and Governors, if the Parents be both dead.

to my *dear Parents*, whom I beseech Thee

evermore to bless

and reward for all their care and love towards me. I thank Thee, in particular, for the preservation of me throughout the past day, and beseech Thee to continue thy gracious protection to me this night, and to give me such quiet and refreshing sleep, as may fit me for the duties of the following day. All which I beg of Thee for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

*Our*

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*When you lie down in Bed, say,*

I will lay me down in peace,  
and take my rest, for it  
is thou, Lord, only, that  
makest me dwell in safety.  
*Psal. iv. 9.*